

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Robert Joseph (Bob) Kielman, and we are richer because Bob lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Bob was born on March 30, 1927, and as an adult, he joined the United States Navy during WWII and was known as a Nuclear Veteran where he witnessed the detonation of two nuclear explosions on Bikini Atoll Island in the South Pacific; and,

Whereas, Bob married Mariann Westra on September 3, 1949, and to this union they were blessed with four children, Linda Rae, Robert James, David Alan, and Kenneth LeRoy; and,

Whereas, Bob volunteers at his church and is a member of the local American Legion, and he is a member of the bricklayer union, a 50 year gold pin recipient; and,

Whereas, Bob will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his family and friends gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Dugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2017, as

ROBERT J. KIELMAN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Dugaard
Dennis Dugaard, Governor

Attest:

Teresa Bray
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State